

(As we enter the sanctuary, let us quietly prepare our hearts and minds for worship. Please silence your cell phones for the duration of the service.)

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

GREETING

Leader: The Lord supports the cause of those in need,
People: **God grants justice to the poor and oppressed.**

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 105

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's holy name;
proclaim God's deeds among the peoples!
Sing praise to the Lord and tell of God's marvelous works!

People: **Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!
Turn to God and seek the strength and presence
of the Lord continually.**

Leader: Remember the wonderful works God has done,
the miracles performed and the judgments pronounced,
you children of Abraham and Sarah,
the faithful servants whom God has chosen.

People: **The Lord is our God, who rules over all the earth.
God remembers the covenant forever;
the promise stands for a thousand generations.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 834 *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Few moments of silent prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we acknowledge that our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble
to name and our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past we
cannot change; guide us into a future in which we can be different;
and grant us the grace to become more and more like Jesus Christ,
until we can see your holy image in every face we encounter. We pray
in his holy name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, God's love is poured out through the Holy Spirit.
This is love from God's own heart, which cleanses and renews.
This is the good news of the gospel:
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

Leader: Because we have been reconciled to God in Christ,
so we are called to live in peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON (p. 190—NT) Galatians 5:13-14

*HYMN OF INVITATION # 775 *"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"*

SECOND LESSON (p. 537—OT) Psalm 78:1-8

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Rev. Maggie Rust

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *the Confession of 1967*

**God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family.
In his reconciling love, Christ overcomes the barriers between us
and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or
ethnic difference, real or imaginary. The church is called to bring
all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all
relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure,
marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights.
Therefore, we labor for the abolition of all racial discrimination
and minister to those injured by it.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us
this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive
our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF BLESSING # 339 *"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Please rise, in body or spirit.

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Large-print Hymnals are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Hearing Assist Devices are located in the rear of the Sanctuary.
Disposable ear buds are available for your convenience. They can be
disposed after use in the labeled slot. **Please note**, only one ear bud
receives signal, so please check both buds to determine that the unit is
working. Contact the church office with any other issues.

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WELCOME VISITORS! We are glad you are here. We invite you to fill
out a Visitor Card, found in the pews. If you are seeking a church home,
you are welcome to join us in discipleship as a community of faith and
service. Pastor Maggie would be happy to talk to you about your journey
and church membership.

2022 PENTECOST OFFERING

There is still time to give to the Pentecost Offering. Your gift helps the
church as a whole to encourage, develop and support its young people, and
also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Offering will remain
with Covenant and will be given to a local mission project to make an
impact in the lives of young people within our own community. Please give
generously.

GOOD SAM FOOD OFFERING FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR

**Baby Foods and Fruit, Pudding & Applesauce Cups or canned meats,
soups, veggies, Mac 'n Cheese, cereal...**let's just fill up the shopping carts!
You barely have to get out of your car when the cart is out front Mondays—
Thursdays from 10—3. If you want to call me (423-282-5324) from your
car to bring the groceries in, that's ok, too! I'm happy to help. Or, if you're
like me and *really* don't like to shop, donate financially and we'll get your
\$\$ to Good Sam for you!

NAME TAGS AND CONTACT INFO

If you are a member or a regular visitor, or even if you have just started
coming to Covenant, you *most likely* have a name badge hanging on the
wall in the Narthex. We're asking **everyone** to wear their name tags while
at the church to make it easier to get to know each other. **If you don't find
one with your name on it, please let us know!**

TINA'S SUMMER PROJECTS

I am going to be **updating the church directory** over the next couple of
months. If you have email, you'll be getting a message from me asking you
to confirm the information I have. **If you don't have email, or if I don't
have your email address**, please contact me in the office at 423-282-5324
or send me an email at office@cpcjc.org so that I can add you to my
distribution list. Please provide your address and phone number(s) and let
me know if it's ok to list you in the directory. This will not be a pictorial
directory, just a list of names, addresses, phone numbers and email
addresses. Be sure to tell me what you DO NOT want listed for the
congregation's copy. This directory is only for the congregation; it is NOT
made public or posted on our website. (I DO keep an office copy for myself
and Maggie with that private info in case of emergencies.)

I'll also be **updating our office database** with birthdays and wedding
anniversaries, so I will be asking you for those if I don't already have them.
This information is used for statistical purposes (not made public, just
numbers for those darn annual reports) and also listed in the newsletter for
the congregation. I don't post those in the version of the newsletter that is on
our website. Again, if you don't want me to list your birthday (I never
disclose your age on that list, no matter how young you are!) or your
anniversary in the newsletter, please let me know.

Thanks in advance for your help with my summer projects! In the
meantime, if you need an address or a phone number or a copy of the last
directory (it's outdated, but most of it is still good), just give me a call.

UPDATING THE PRAYER LIST

**Please remember to contact the church office in a timely manner with
any updates to this list.** Going forward, names will remain in the bulletin
for three weeks only **unless** you ask to keep them on longer. Thank you.

GIVING TO THE CHURCH

Besides online giving or dropping off or mailing a check, it is also easy (and free) to set up **automatic payments** through your banking institution or online BillPay. Thank you for continuing to support the work of Covenant Presbyterian Church. *If you have any questions, please contact Tina in the church office.*

AFFIRMING ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

We at Covenant Presbyterian Church of Johnson City, Tennessee, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church (USA), aka PC(USA), present its Churchwide Antiracism Policy, first adopted in 1999 and revised in 2016. It proclaims the following:

“While recognizing that racism victimizes many different racial ethnic groups, we acknowledge its unique impact on the African American community. Given the particular forms that anti-Black racism has taken in the United States of America, both historically (including slavery and Jim Crow) and today (including mass incarceration, disproportionate policing, economic inequality, and continuing acts of racially oriented violence and hate), we state clearly: **GOD LOVES BLACKNESS**. Too many have denied this basic truth for too long. Our choice to align ourselves with love and not hate requires both a rejection of racism and a positive proclamation that God delights in Black lives.”

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, June 19

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| 8:30a | Issues Class on Zoom |
| 9:30a | Sojourner's Class |
| 9:45a | Bible Discovery Class |
| 11:00a | Worship Service |
| 7:00p | N.A. Mtg |

Monday, June 20

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| 10a—3p | Good Sam Food Dropoff |
| 7:00p | NarAnon Mtg |

Tuesday, June 21

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| 10a—3p | Good Sam Food Dropoff |
| 10:00a | Al-Anon Mtg |
| 7:00p | Al-Anon Mtg |

Wednesday, June 22

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| 9:30a – 2:00p | Mom Power |
| 10a—3p | Good Sam Food Dropoff |
| 7:00p | N.A. Mtg |

Thursday, June 23

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| 10a—3p | Good Sam Food Dropoff |
| Noon | Al-Anon Mtg |

Friday, June 24

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| 6:30p | Al-Anon Mtg |
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Please see your June Courier for the full June calendar and for birthdays and anniversaries.

Extra printed copies are on the table in the Narthex.

The Courier & Calendar are also posted on our website at www.cpcjc.org.

Covenant Presbyterian Church has been certified as a **Recovery Congregation** by the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.



TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeter:
Accompanist:
Liturgist:

Jim Starr
David Butzu
Kathi Cary

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor:
Office Administrator:
Administrative Assistant:

Rev. Maggie Rust
Tina Simon
Anne Webb

PRAYER CONCERNS

*If you know of other reasons for rejoicing or concerns you would like to share feel free to complete a prayer card with your request. **Please contact the church office with any updates to this list.** Names will remain in the bulletin for three weeks unless we are notified about a change.*

Week of June 19—25, 2022

Jim & Norma Starr and Keaton & Kaden Honeycutt
Tristan Wood, David & Julie Wood's daughter-in-law
Charlotte Brumit, Betsy Moakler's mother
Marian Norman, close friend of Frankie Wolff for over 60 years, just diagnosed with ALS.
Pat Smith, recovering from surgery
Annette Mullins, Holly Bland's mother
BJ King's sister, Mary Lynn
Pat Smith's mother, Betty
Sharon Fuhrman
Rosemary Whitson's sister, Marshia Adams, and her niece
Pat Zembower, Christian's mom
All those affected by gun violence.
All those in our community affected by Covid-19.
The people of Ukraine, its neighbors, and the innocent people of Russia.

Join us in continually lifting up in prayer our mission co-workers:

Bob & Kristi Rice: South Sudan

The Adams Maldonado Family: Frontera de Cristo

and these Covenant ministry partners:

UKirk ETSU (Pres. Campus Ministry) † Holston Presbytery Camp
LatinX Ministry † The River † BABMOC



In the event of emergency, be aware that our Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Unit is located on the wall outside the front door of the Church Office.



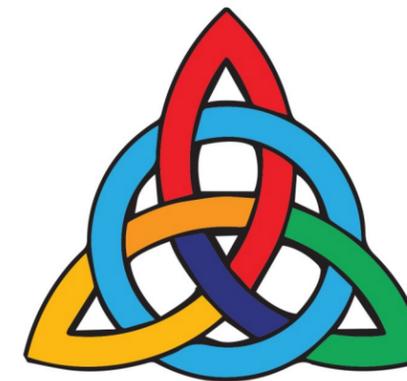
Covenant Presbyterian Church is proud to have received the designation of being an Earth Care Congregation, through the PC (USA).

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Covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRIST • PEOPLE • COMMUNITY

JUNE 19, 2022

2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CPC STATEMENT OF OPENNESS AND WELCOME

We aspire to Christ's model of openness and love for all persons. As God has welcomed us, we also welcome everyone into the life, leadership, and community of Christ's church, regardless of abilities, age, economic status, education, ethnicity, gender identity, race, sexual orientation, social position or any identity or status that might be perceived as separating us from God or one another.

We pledge to affirm the inherent worth and dignity of each of God's children, with membership, leadership, and employment open to whomever God calls.

MISSION STATEMENT

Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to glorify and enjoy God. We live knowing that God calls us to be a place of love, support, hope and acceptance regardless of earthly labels. Jesus Christ commissions us to make disciples and passionately share our gifts with the world through prayer, teaching, and service. The Holy Spirit allows us to determine and carry out Christ's will for our lives and the life of our church and empowers us to seek out and respond to the needs of our local and global community.